NARANJA

The Charrette was held at the Naranja Neighborhood Center and was well attended by over 60 residents, property and business owners representing a good cross-section of the community. During the week, the design team set up its studio at the Neighborhood Center, where the doors remained open to the public all day. A presentation of work in progress was held on Friday, August 10th. Residents, property and business owners as well as Chamber South and County staff and elected officials were present. Work continued in the weeks that followed the initial public workshop. The citizens, with the assistance of a professional team, studied the many challenges faced by the community and proposed specific solutions: A series of final presentations by County Staff were done between the months of December 2001 and April 2003. During that time further citizen and professional input was taken into account. The Board of County Commissioners (BCC) passed a resolution (# R-945-03) on Sept 9th 2003, thereby accepting the Naranja Charrette Report and it's recommendations.



Above: View of the Naranja Charrette Area Plan







Above: View of the proposed new and improved neighborhoods within Naranja

The following are some of the project goals and objectives set by citizens that attended the Design Charrette:

- To implement a plan that promotes growth and development in the form of an authentic Village.
- Encourage local ownership of properties, businesses and development.
- Encourage development within the Community Urban Center, while promoting bus ridership.
- Improve vehicular circulation and transit in a manner that is functional, and supportive of a pedestrian environment.
- To define a structure of neighborhoods and districts.
- To improve general infrastructure, including streets and sidewalks generating a safe, friendly pedestrian environment.
- To create attractive public plazas, neighborhood pocket parks and pedestrian friendly streets
- To increase the image and affordability of housing types.



Above: View of a Mixed-Use Building on the edge of the proposed Main Street

